

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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**DREWE et al.** )  
) Art Unit: **1637**  
Serial No. **09/744,489** )  
) Examiner: **Suryaprabha Chunduru**  
Filed: **January 23, 2001** )  
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For: **NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION BY** )  
**TRIPLE HELIX FORMATION** )

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed October 16, 2007, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants also request a three-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 16, 2007, now set to expire April 16, 2008. The required fees are submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 10 of this paper.

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